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REMARKS

In the non-final office action of October 13, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-3 had been allowed, that claims 4, 8 and 11 had been rejected, and that claims 5-7 and 9-10 were objected to only in that each had been dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, the Applicants have canceled claims 4 and 8 and the Applicants have amended claims 5-7 and 9-11 to incorporate the limitations of rejected claims 4 and 8, respectively.

Notably, the Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 11 is a typographical error due to the related nature of claim 11 to objected to claim 7. If the Applicants have incorrectly assumed the presence of a typographical error, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the below referenced telephone number.

Based upon the amendments presented herein, no further rejections or objections remain. This entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, such action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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